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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE REPLY: 64th UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY: HIGH LEVEL
ATTENDANCE AND REQUESTS FOR MEETINGS

REF: STATE 68590

¶1. We delivered reftel demarche to Mr. Anatol Urecheanu, Director of the Multilateral Cooperation Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration (MFA&EI), Republic of Moldova on July 21, ¶2009. Sergiu Mihov, the new Head of the UN and Specialized Agencies Division, responded on behalf of Mr. Urecheanu, and informed the Embassy that unfortunately, the MFA&EI had absolutely no specifics yet regarding either the persons, schedules, or logistics for a high-level visit to the 64th session of the UN General Assembly in New York in September. It was noted, however, that their intent was to organize the visit at the level of President of the Republic of Moldova.

¶2. Moldova just had nationwide parliamentary elections on July 29 and the opposition landed enough seats to call for a plenary session without the ruling Party of Communist's vote, but not enough seats for that coalition to elect a president. Coalitions are being negotiated, and it is still unclear at this point who will be president come September. It is also possible that the capacities of President, Prime Minister, and Speaker of Parliament, will be technically and/or functionally changed, leaving the question of head of state up in the air. Post will report any substantive response from the MFA&EI as soon as positions are secured within the government and schedules for UNGA attendance solidified.
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